

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7564

Investigation into Town of Readsboro Electric )  
Light Department's tariff filing requesting a )  
24.46% rate increase, to take effect October 1, 2009 )

Order Entered: 9/28/2009

**ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**I. REPORT**

On August 14, 2009, the Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department (the "Company") filed revised rate schedules and supporting documents to reflect a 24.46% increase in its rates, to take effect on a service-rendered basis commencing October 1, 2009 (Tariff Filing #8099). The proposed rate increase will produce additional revenues in the amount of \$73,379.00. The Company provided notice of the proposed rate increase via publication in the *Deerfield Valley News* newspaper.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A Section 225, the Vermont Department of Public Service filed a letter with the Public Service Board ("Board") on September 16, 2009, stating that it had reviewed the filing, and supporting documentation, and recommended that the Board open an investigation into Readsboro's rate increase request.

**II. TEMPORARY ORDER**

The Public Service Board of the State of Vermont HEREBY ORDERS, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 226(b), an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department's tariffs as filed with the Board on August 14, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 226(b), that until final determination of the proceedings hereby instituted, increased rates shall be implemented by means of a 24.46% surcharge for each class of ratepayers under rate design tariffs previously approved by the Public Service Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 8, that Andrea McHugh, Utilities Analyst, is appointed to serve as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 11(a)(2), that a prehearing conference will be held in this matter on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, commencing at 1:30 P.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 28, 2009.

VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

BY: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 28, 2009

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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